

Manager Evers of the Cubs arrived in Chicago yesterday and went to Murphy's offices for a conference with the real boss of the local National Leaguers. It was given out that John had come to help Murphy swing the Tinker deal.

Evers' assistance is not necessary. He can do nothing. There may be something more behind this visit besides the Tinker affair. Murphy is going to lop a number of players off the Cub payroll, and it may be that he has called Evers here to decide on the gents to be separated from the semi-monthly envelope.

George Pierce and Jimmy Archer were Joe Tinker's guests last night at dinner. They will go at once to Florida, where each has land interests. Wilbur Good and Tommy Leach are already in Florida, and they will meet the Cubs at Tampa when the training season opens.

Owen Moran, British lightweight, will be matched with the winner of the Charlie-White-Ad Wolgast fight in Milwaukee Friday night.

Young Joe Shugrue gave Cy Smith a terrific lacing in ten rounds at New York last night, but was unable to put over a knockout. Smith was groggy during the closing rounds, but showed wonderful recuperative powers.

It is rumored in Cleveland that that city may be dropped from the Federal League circuit. Even with a good team, Cleveland was not a moneymaker last year. The remarkable spurt of the Naps was responsible for the small attendance at the Fed games.

We are not het up over the fact that Packey McFarland will not fight in Wisconsin for a year. There is a suspicion that he hasn't fought there for several years.

Spike Kelly was given a decision over Sailor Bill Walters at the end of the 15th round at St. Joseph, Mo. the bout was a tame affair, all of the blows being feathery. After the decision Walters butted Kelly, and the

men gave a real exhibition of fighting, standing toe-to-toe and slugging each other until separated by their seconds.

"PREP" BASKETBALL SCORES Heavyweight.

Lane, 49; Senn, 5.
Parker, 19; Wendell Phillips, 5.

Lightweight.

Lane, 19; Senn, 9.
Wendell Phillips, 13; Lake, 11.
Curtis, 22; Calumet, 18.
Marshall, 14; Crane, 6.

Charles ("Jeff") Tesreau of the Giants finished the season of 1912 as the best pitcher in the National League—judging pitchers by the method since adopted—which shows the pitcher's actual ability and not that of his fielders.

This year Christy Mathewson ranks first and Tesreau third. In 1914 Tesreau, with another year's experience, will be recognized as the spit ball king, Ed Walsh having pitched his last game, unless a miracle is worked in his behalf.

Tesreau was introduced to major league baseball at the fag end of 1912, following months of toil under the tutelage of Wilbert Robinson, while he acquired control of the spit-ter.

Then, when the Giants were crumbling—with Marquard "blown up" after 19 straight wins; with Mathewson wobbling McGraw took the blankets off his human atomizer and Tesreau pitched wonderful ball—so wonderful that when the post season games began McGraw sent him in to pitch the opening game against "Smoky Joe" Wood.

Tesreau went to the Giants after a wandering career that makes the travels of Ulysses look like an afternoon stroll. He played in Perryville, Mo., Houston, Galveston, San Antonio and Austin, Tex., Shreveport, La., and Detroit. For Houston he lost every game he pitched by one run—but he lost. At Detroit he was so wild he was given transportation within two days.